



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT
AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED
MILLERTON LAKE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN/GENERAL
PLAN (RMP/GP) PROJECT**

Date: July 25, 2008

To: All Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Persons

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Millerton Lake Resource Management Plan/General Plan (RMP/GP), in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: Millerton Lake Resource Management Plan/General Plan (RMP/GP), Millerton Lake in Madera and Fresno Counties

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), as the National Environmental Policy Act Federal lead agency, and the California Department of Parks & Recreation (CDPR), as the California Environmental Quality Act State lead agency, have made available for public review and comment the Millerton Lake draft RMP/GP and EIS/EIR. The draft RMP/GP and EIS/EIR describes and presents the environmental effects of the No-Action Alternative and three (3) Action Alternatives. A public hearing will be held to receive comments from individuals and organizations on the draft RMP/GP and EIS/EIR.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The EIR is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 45 days, beginning July 25, 2008. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Mr. Robert Epperson at 1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721 or by email at repperson@mp.usbr.gov.

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than September 8, 2008 to the following address:

Bureau of Reclamation,
1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721

Copies may be reviewed online at http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=982 and at the following locations during normal business hours:

California State Parks
Planning Division
1416 9th Street, Room 108
Sacramento, CA 95814

California Department of Parks & Recreation
Central Valley District
22708 Broadway
Columbia, CA 95310-9400

Bureau of Reclamation, South-Central California Area Office
1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721

Millerton Lake State Recreational Area
5290 Millerton Road, Friant, CA 93626

Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, Regional Library
2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825

Fresno County Public Library, Central Location
2420 Mariposa, Fresno, CA 93721

Madera County Public Library, Headquarters
121 North G Street, Madera, CA 93637.

Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library
Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver, CO 80225

Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW., Main Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240-0001

PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting to receive comments from individuals and organizations on the draft Millerton Lake Resource Management Plan/General Plan (RMP/GP) and EIS/EIR has been scheduled for August 14, 2008 at the Friant Learning Academy, 17200 Burroughs, Friant, CA 93626 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Representatives of the California Department of Parks and Recreation will be present at this meeting and will be available to discuss the project overview, its potential environmental effects, and proposed mitigation.

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